

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST MICHAEL'S

# INTERSECTION

NOVEMBER 2012

## IMAGES OF ST MICHAEL'S DAY 2012



**Top left:** The people gather for the St Michael's Day Service.

**Centre left:** Children's images of life and the recovery after the Japanese tsunami.

**Left:** The Blessing of the Rocks for St Michael's Day 2012.

**Above:** The children sprinkle rose petals during the Blessing of the Rocks.

## ST MICHAEL'S DAY 2012—COLOUR & CELEBRATION



**Above Left:** Dr Neil Roy with St Michael's Medallionists for 2012 Colin Emonson and Susie O'Neill with one of her KIDS Foundation Speakers Matt Theile, and previous recipient Mrs Jenny Cheng.

**Above Right:** Musicians Elliott Folvig (guitar) and Matthew Horsley (Uilleann pipes).

**Left:** Ava spreading rose petals at the Rocks in front of St Michael's.

**Below:** Holding the flag of the Child Welfare League, recognising the plight of children who have died due to violence.



# OTHER RECENT SPECIAL EVENTS



**Left and below:** Refugee Sunday saw a visit and interview in the Church with His Eminence Zimwock Rinpoche from Jamchen Buddhist Centre. After service Rinpoche joined Drs Macnab and Campbell in greeting the congregation in the colonnade and shared some smiles.

**Below:** Author Amanda Stewart was a guest at service in September and sold signed copies of her book at the Visitors and Information Table, with a portion of profits going to The Big Tent Project.

Amanda is pictured below (seated) with Klara Kelyv and Jeanette Noy.



**Above:** Dr Macnab's lecture on the artist Edvard Munch was attended by around 50 people who enjoyed wine and cheese and browsing books and prints of the artist's work.



**Left:** The charity auction and musical luncheon with trio La Mauvaise Reputaion during St Michael's Week, was just one of the wonderful events organised by Pam and Ian Smart. We were enormously grateful for the work put in to create the fun and meaningful events of the week.

## SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE

From our recent Council elections we are pleased to announce that all those nominated to join Council were duly elected and will be inducted officially in November. The new Council Members to be inducted are: David Doherty, Nancy Doherty, John Little, Joan Nicholas and Klaus Wiegel. Congratulations to all and welcome to Council!

A number of new members will also join St Michael's during November and a morning tea will be held in their honour. Welcome to you all!

The annual regional morning tea for the North Western and Southern regions of Melbourne will be held on November 18, 2012 after service. People living in those areas are invited to attend and meet other people from their area. RSVP 9654 5120.



Jim Roberts (**above**) organised Council Elections brilliantly once again. Jim tries to retire but we do not allow it! Thanks Jim for your work.

## SAGE

The next meeting of SAGE, and the final meeting for 2012, takes place on Friday November 30, 2012 at 11am in St Michael's Hall.

Thank you to all who have attended in 2012. This year SAGE has reached a record number of participants.

We look forward to continuing SAGE in 2013!

## ANI CHOYING DROLMA

Friday 2nd November at 1pm - St Michael's Uniting Church

Join us for a wonderful event, the Ani Choying Drolma visit. Ani Choying Drolma is a Tibetan nun and peace activist.

She is giving a free talk and concert supported by The Centre for Wellbeing at St Michael's, in partnership with Jamchen Buddhist Centre.

All are welcome to hear the magnificent voice of Ani Choying Drolma and listen to her message for peace. No need to book, just come along.

For further details

[www.stmichaels.org.au](http://www.stmichaels.org.au) or

[www.choying.com.au](http://www.choying.com.au)



## PROGRAMS

**ANI CHOYING DROLMA CONCERT**  
November 2 at 1pm—FREE

**LIBRARY LOUNGE**  
Tues, Weds 10.30-2.30

**MEDITATION**  
Sundays - immediately after service

**POETRY GROUP**  
Every 3rd Sunday - after service

**MENS GROUP**  
The last Sunday of the month

**GLOBAL CONCERNS**  
Sundays - after service in the Hall

**ARTS FOR RIGHTS**  
Activities held monthly

**WALKING GROUP**  
2nd Saturday of the month.

**LAUGHTER YOGA**  
Every Thursday 12-12.45

**FRENCH CONVERSATION**  
The second Sunday of the month

**IPAD ENTHUSIASTS GROUP**  
The second Sunday of the month

**IPADS BEGINNERS COURSE**  
Tuesdays 6.30pm

**GUITAR BEGINNERS GROUP**  
Tuesdays 7-8pm

**SALSA DANCE**  
Tuesdays 7-8.30pm

**WISDOM IN WINDOWS**  
Sunday November 4

**LUNCHTIME YOGA CLASS**  
Tuesday November 13 at 12.15pm

**SAGE**  
Friday November 30, 11am

**STORY TELLING/WRITERS GROUP**  
Sunday December 2

**LAST TUESDAY BOOK GROUP**  
Last Tuesday of the month

**AFTER WORK YOGA**  
November 27, 5.30pm

**CHARTER FOR COMPASSION GROUP**  
Third Sunday of the Month

Visit [www.centreforwellbeing.org.au](http://www.centreforwellbeing.org.au)  
or the St Michael's website for details  
Or

'Like' us on Facebook for regular updates

## LETTERS AND WEBSITE FEEDBACK

### Feedback from our website:

*St Michael's is on the forefront of intellectual and compassionate understanding! I am a 22 yo college student in the state of New Jersey in the USA and watch the videos of addresses weekly! These are the most liberating and open-minded sermons I've heard! New Faith! You guys stress only the key elements for life! Faith, Hope, Belief, and Health!*

*Thanks so much to Dr Francis Macnab, John Bodycomb and all in Australia who make these videos possible! :)*

**Kenny USA**

### From Steven Koski, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Bend, USA:

*Dear Francis,*

*I wish you and all of St Michael's a blessed and joyous St Michael's Day!*

*As someone who is extremely grateful for the profound difference you and St Michael's have made in my own life, I celebrate your positive, life-giving, progressive and healing ministry.*

*Blessings,*

**Steven**

### From the Blog of Ian Gawler (Author and previous St Michael's Medallion Recipient):

*Finally, post-match Sunday at St Michael's Church in the heart of Melbourne to attend the annual St Michael's Day service and presentation of awards to the new recipients of the St Michael's Medallion. Being fortunate to be a past recipient, I love the opportunity to be in this beautiful old Melbourne landmark again and to listen to its ground-breaking and deeply compassionate Minister, Dr Francis Macnab speaking once again.*

**Ian Gawler**

### The Festival of the Heart free Concert at St Michael's, October 18:

*I attended tonight and it was an absolutely beautiful and uplifting concert.*

*Thank you so much.*

**Tina Cordell via Facebook**

### From Mr Hirohisa Chiba

*Dear Dr Macnab,*

*Thank you for your generous hospitality in hosting me at the St Michael's Day celebrations on September 30, 2012. It was an honour and a pleasure to be welcomed at the Church on such an important occasion.*

*I also wish to thank you for displaying the children's paintings and reconstruction photos from the areas affected by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of Japan and its recovery from this tragedy, and for helping to maintain strong bonds between Australia and Japan.*

*Kind regards,*

**Hirohisa Chiba**

**Deputy Consul General of Japan, Melbourne**

## MASTER CLASS III

On October 9th Dr Macnab and Dr Campbell gave the third New Faith Master Class in the series which began in 2011. The third instalment focussed on the Faith and Wellbeing core of the New Faith and how Therapy and Theology are at the heart of St Michael's Ministry. The session began with grounding the themes of the New Faith in the core teachings of Jesus about wellbeing, health, healing and transformation, as taught in St John's Gospel. Dr Macnab then took a detailed and specific look at the New Faith and 12 practical aspects of Faith.

Among the feedback received was this letter:

*'The master class was wonderful. Debra's analysis of John was so contemporary and uplifting. Your talk (Dr Macnab) about resilience, the failure of old religion to help, the New Faith approach of inner strength, and the processes of invoking our inner faith were inspirational. It demonstrated yet again your depth of knowledge, experience and skill. It seems to be a bottomless well of wisdom.'*

**Roger via email.**

# THE INAUGURAL IDA SUMMERS AWARD

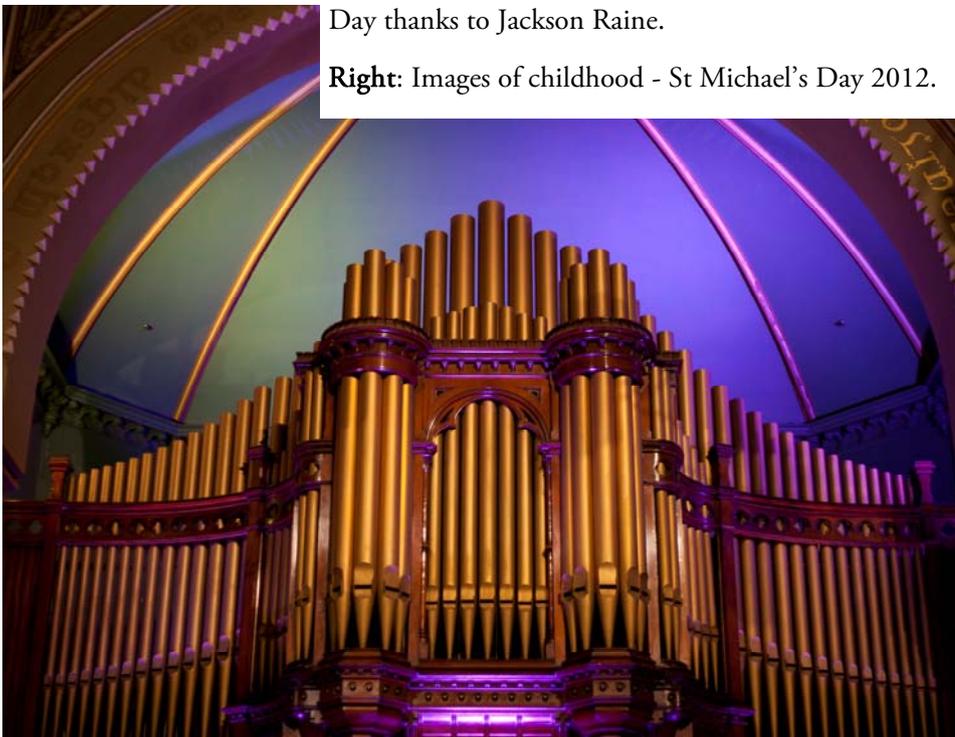


The inaugural Ida Summers Award to recognise a person who has devoted enormous effort to the care and rehabilitation of children who have suffered trauma, was presented to Catharine McKean-Clarke on October 14, 2012. Catharine gave a moving and greatly appreciated speech in accepting her award. The award is named in honour of the deep care and concern shown by Ida Summers over many years, for the care of traumatised children. Catharine is pictured receiving her award, **below** with Dr Macnab and **left** with her husband Geoff, and Emai.



**Below:** The magnificent organ superbly lit up for St Michael's Day thanks to Jackson Raine.

**Right:** Images of childhood - St Michael's Day 2012.



## ST MICHAEL'S

ON COLLINS - MELBOURNE

120 Collins St, Melbourne 3000

PHONE: (03) 9654 5120 FAX: (03) 9650 3863 EMAIL: [office@stmichaels.org.au](mailto:office@stmichaels.org.au) WEB: [www.stmichaels.org.au](http://www.stmichaels.org.au)